

SUB-FUND MEETING

USE OF FACILITIES

October 5, 2023 | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

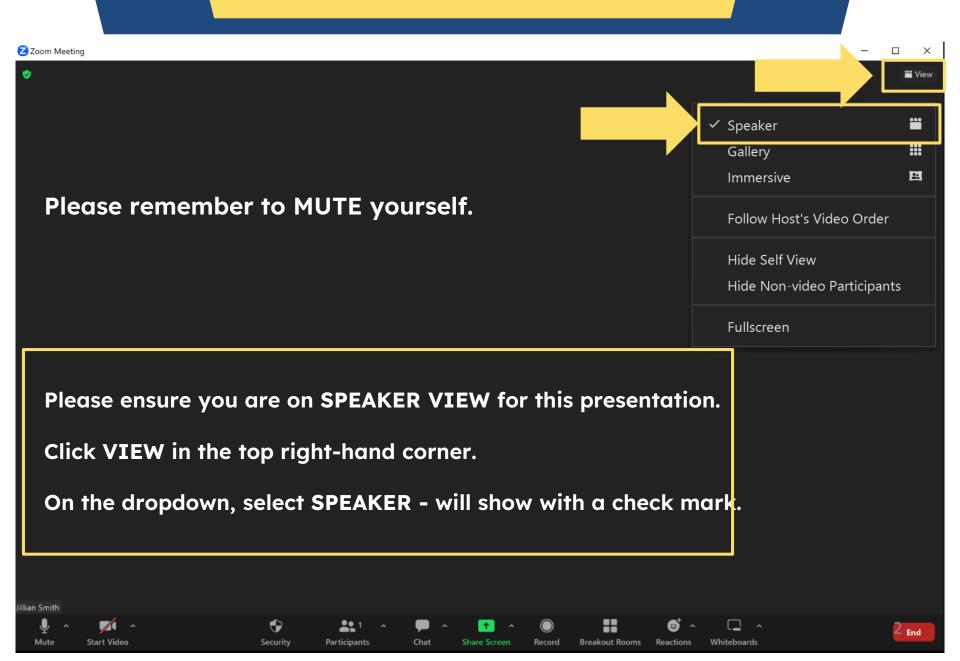








MEETING RECOMMENDATION



LATONYA A. BRENNAN

Area Executive VP | Regional Director Arthur J. Gallagher

Sub-Fund Administrator ERIC NORTH & NJEIF

WELCOME!















CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

- 1. 2 QPA (1) Office Administration & (1) General Duties | Course Code 16575
- 2. 2 Buildings and Grounds CEUs | CE-00414

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** Must be present for the entire program. This will be verified by the recording attendance, therefore, please makes sure your name is properly displayed on the camera. **

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PLEASE GO TO NJSIG WEBSITE to download <u>appropriate</u> Evaluation Form:

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Area Executive VP | Regional Director Alliant

Sub-fund Administrator *MOCSSIF*

SUB-FUND ADMINISTRATOR REPORT



DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Thursday, January 4, 2024 – <u>Virtual</u> 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Topic: Market Trends and Forecast for insurance budget

David Nash, Legal One Americans Disabilities Act/Threat Assessment Teams/ NJDOE Guidance

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – <u>In-Person</u> 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Topic: Workers Compensation Symposium and other topics TBD

Location: Hilton East Brunswick 3 Tower Center Blvd, East Brunswick, NJ 08816









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- MOCSSIF Chairperson
- Public School Trends and the Cost of Insurance
- Look Back: 2023-24 NJSIG Renewals
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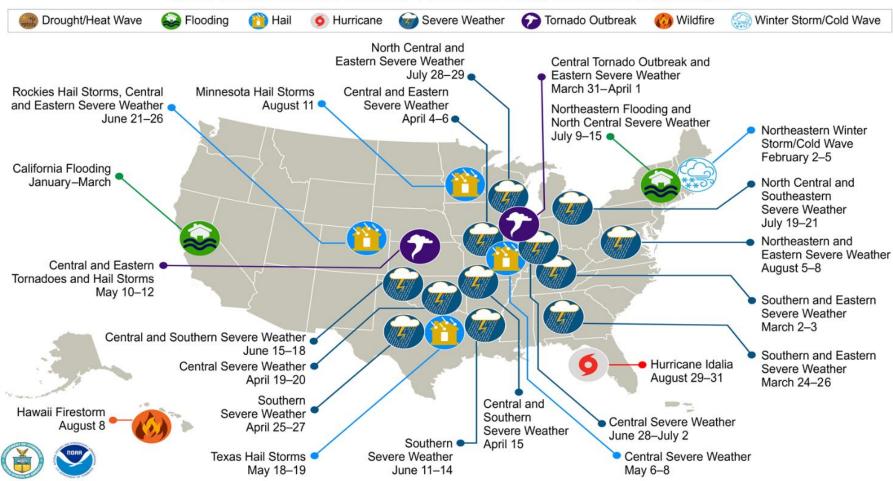






CATASTROPHIC US LOSSES - 2023 YTD

U.S. 2023 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters



This map denotes the approximate location for each of the 23 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters that impacted the United States through August 2023.

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- Active Shooter Events
- Sexual Abuse and Molestation (SAM) cases









DR. CHRIS RUSSO

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NJSIG BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE













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Senior Business Development Specialist *NJSIG*

NJSIG UPDATES

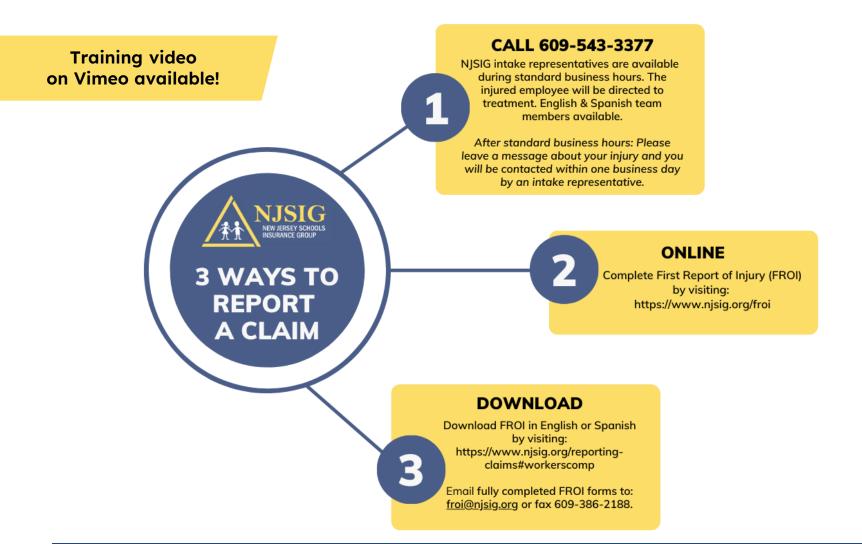








WORKERS' COMP INTAKE PROGRAM



Sub-fund Pages - NJSIG.org







https://www.njsig.org/sub-funds/eric-north



https://www.njsig.org/sub-funds/njeif

2023 NJSBA WORKSHOP



NJSIG Booth #746 Alliant Booth #749 Arthur J. Gallagher Booth #643

October 23 - 25, 2023

NJSIG will be presenting three times during the conference.

Topics include:

<u>Understanding Your Ethical Obligations and Avoiding Complaints</u> (1 QPA credit)

- Tuesday October 24, 2023
 11:30 AM 12:30 PM & 2:30 PM 3:30 PM
- Presenters:
 Sherwin Archibald, NJSIG Claims Manager
 Rita Barone, Esq., Partner at Flanagan, Barone &
 O'Brien LLC

Insuring School Districts, Back to Basics

- Wednesday, October 25, 2023
 10:00 AM 10:45 AM
- Presenter:
 Jill Deitch, Esq, NJSIG Executive Direct



SURPLUS RETURNS

NJSIG gave back *\$2.6 million* in Return of Surplus!

SAFETY GRANTS

NJSIG is giving back *\$2 million* in Safety Grants in 2023!

MEET JILLIAN

Jillian Smith - jilliansmith@njsig.org
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Anthony Fernandez

Policy Analyst Complex Claims Examiner *NJSIG*

NJSIG's Insuring Agreement and Policy











NJSIG CYBER LIABILITY PROGRAM

Standard deductible: \$250,000

In order for the reduced deductibles to apply (\$25k or \$50k - dependent upon annual revenue), the NJSIG cyber member must have the following cybersecurity protections in place:

- 1. Multi-factor authentication
 - a. At the time of the incident. Software, services, devices accessed by the perpetrator.
- 2. Endpoint protection platform
 - a. At the time of the incident. Devices accessed by the perpetrator.
- 3. Information technology security awareness and training program; and
 - **a.** Employee training within one year of the incident. Training must include a simulated phishing email program.
- 4. System backups
 - a. Successful test recovery was performed within 6 months of the incident
 - b. Air-gapped separate from network (ex: Cloud-based)

The Educational Services Commission on New Jersey (ESCNJ) and New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) have co-operative pricing systems that offer pre-approved cyber security vendor services.

Presentation: Use of Facilities



Tom Eldridge

Business Administrator

Lawrence Township

Board of Education



Keith Gourlay

Executive Director

New Jersey School Buildings
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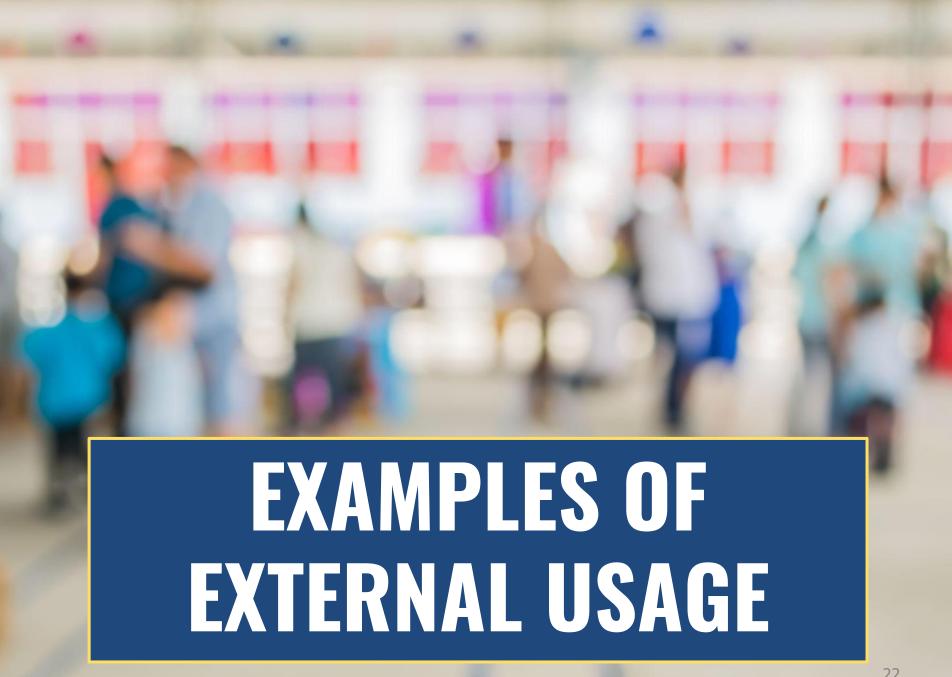
USE OF FACILITIES GUIDELINES

External Usage = Typically not directly related to School District

Internal Usage = Typically directly relate to School Employees, Students, PTA/PTO, and etc.

Facilities Usage Policies for Guest







SPORTING COMPETITIONS













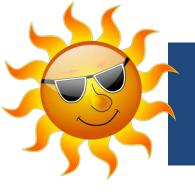
HOSTING RELIGIOUS SERVICES



PURPOSE

Develop an awareness of <u>RISK</u> and need for procedures and policies (RISK mitigation) that protect students, staff, and the district





ONE SUMMER DAY...

One <u>summer day</u>, a few years ago, on my way to the school gym.... I stopped in a faculty restroom, in a darkened academic corridor, to change clothes on my way to the gym, and when I came out <u>they</u>* were there....

*A Mom :) with a lunch bag for her kids. The kids were three hallways at summer camp.

But what if it wasn't a Mom :(?

DEPOSITIONS...

Assuming you allow the building use.....Are YOU ready to be DEPOSED?

- Have you ever sat across from an attorney at a deposition because one of the people you allowed to use your facility got hurt?
- Injuries happen. Lawsuits happen. We need to be prepared.
- How do you maintain required inspection records?



RISK MANAGEMENT: DECISION

Before you say "YES" to building use, ask yourself:

- 2. "What could happen?" (Traditional question)
- 1. "What could they do to our kids?, staff?, families?"

YOU MUST ASK YOURSELF:

"Can I keep my students safe?"

AWARENESS (What could they do?)

What are the obvious concerns?

- Who are "They"? (You don't know!)
- Will they leave entrances compromised?
- Will they have access to student: Names?

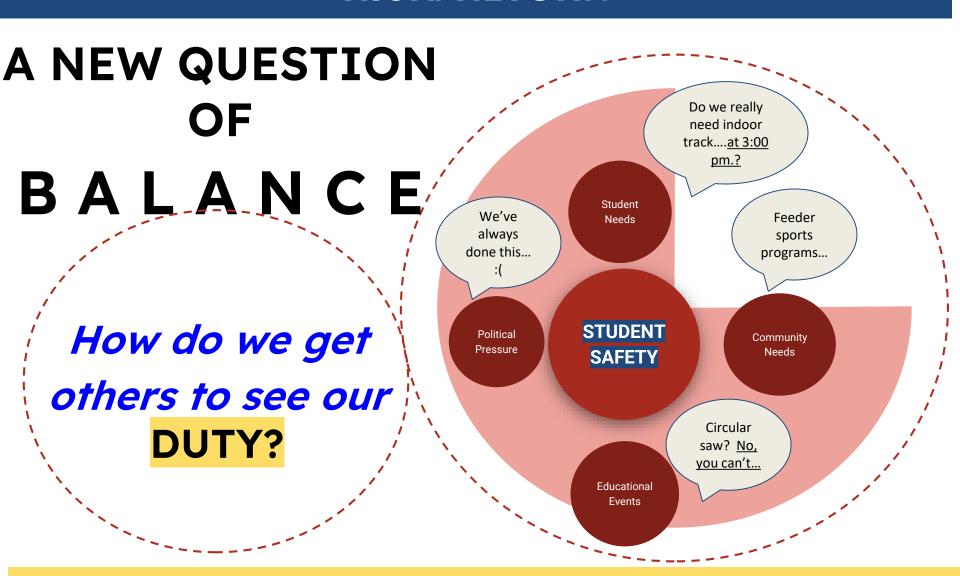
Pictures? Student work?

- Can we assume that all spaces are "Security cleared" before school opens in the morning?
- What could they leave?
 Take?
- What could they case?



STUDENTS ARE PRIORITY

RISK/RETURN



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NEXT DECISION: COST BENEFIT

Assuming you conclude that students will be safe...



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Assuming you conclude that students will be safe (#1)...AND.... you conclude a person can focus with excellence, on primary and secondary issues at one time,

then...let's talk dollars

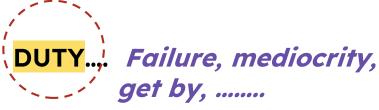


COST/BENEFIT ANALYSIS

Opportunity Costs:

What are you, Facilities Dept., A/R, principal, principal's secretary, Finance Committee, BOE, not doing when you are processing an EXTERNAL "Building Use Request or talking building use

policy?"







How did YOU Administrator/

STUDENTS ARE PRIORITY

COST/BENEFIT: DOLLARS



Direct Costs:

IN ADDITION TO opportunity costs:

- Principal, AP, secretary, A/R, custodial,SBA,Dir. Fac., Accountant, AD, AD secretary
- Rework (50% probability) (re-clean, misplaced items, re-setup, damaged goods), adjust bill..... call contractor to fix,
- Staff (teaching) morale

STUDENTS ARE PRIORITY.....are they?

AWARENESS COST BENEFIT: SHOULD WE ALLOW THE USE?

What are the hidden costs?

- District Human Resources Support
- Building & Grounds
- Security
- Food Service
- Insurance Professional
- Legal Advice



STUDENT SAFETY & EXCELLENT EDUCATION ARE OUR PRIOR RICHARD RICHARD

FACILITIES USAGE POLICY: RECOMMENDATIONS WHAT IT SHOULD INCLUDE

- Define insurance requirements.
- Certificate of Insurance to include additional insured endorsement page.
- The Board should be named as an additional insured on the guest policy and be specifically endorsed onto that policy.
- A statement that users must comply with all policies of the host board of education.
- All rules and regulations required by Department of Education must be followed.
- Indemnification and Hold Harmless

Hold Harmless, Indemnifications & Insurance

Assume all liability for and agrees to indemnify and hold the Licensor, its respective members, agents, contractors, servants, employees, volunteers, licensees or invitees, harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, damages, injuries and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of, resulting from, or incurred in connection with any acts or omissions of the Licensee, its members, agents, contractors, servants, employees, volunteers, licensees, or invitees related to its use of the Licensor's facilities, including but not limited to, the Licensee's use of any portable equipment. In the event that an action or proceeding is brought against the Licensor by reason of any such claim, the Licensee, upon notice from the Licensor, covenants to resist or defend, at Licensee's expense such action or proceeding by counsel reasonably satisfactory to the Licensor.

- 2. Assume full responsibility for Bodily Injury and Property Damage incurred as a result of the acts or omissions of the Licensee, its members, agents, contractors, servants, employees, volunteers, licensees, or invitees. The Licensee must present an insurance certificate guaranteeing proper liability coverage of at least a Combined Single Limit of \$1,000,000 per person/per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate insuring the Licensee against any liability for bodily injury and property damage. The Licensor shall be named as an additional insured on such insurance policy. The Licensee must also include an additional insured endorsement via a CG 20100704 or equivalent. A copy of the necessary insurance policy must be presented to the Licensor, upon request, prior to the Licensee's use of the facilities.
- 3. Assume responsibility for preserving orders in said school during its use of the facilities, for all fees in connection with the Licensee's use of the facilities, including when necessary, custodial fees.
- 4. The Licensee agrees to pre-inspect the facilities for which use is being requested, and agrees to notify the Licensor of any defects, damages, or areas of concern prior to using the facilities. The Licensee agrees not to use the facility should a dangerous condition exist. If the Licensee fails to conduct a pre-inspection and/or fails to notify the Licensor of any damage to the facility being used, the Licensee shall be responsible for any damage found to the facility after such use.
- 5. Observe and adhere to all of the Licensor's rules and regulations governing the use of the Licensor's facilities as set forth in the Licensor's policies and regulations. The foregoing policies and regulations are as much a part of this application and agreement as if they were attached hereto. Additional copies of said policies and regulations may be obtained at the Licensor's Business Office. Any violation of these terms and conditions may result in the immediate expulsion of the Licensee from the Licensor's facilities

CONTRACT/APPLICATION/AGREEMENT

Aside from who, what, when, where, how, why......consider putting these in your agreement:

- 1. I have received district Policy 2431.4 and Regulation 2431.4 regarding Prevention and Treatment of Sports Related Concussion and head injuries
- 2. If I am renting for an Athletic event, I will have a CPR and AED Certified Adult Present and I will provide an AED machine.
- 3. I have become familiar with the Building Layout and will review all emergency egress routes as posted and I understand that I am responsible for reviewing the Emergency Plan with my participants, and that I
- will call 911 for any emergency and that I will provide a telephone for purposes of making the necessary calls.
- 4. I have received district Policy 7510 "Use of School Facilities" and I agree to abide by the policy requirements.
- 5. I understand that I am responsible to comply with all local, state, county, and federal laws including but not limited to any required permits.
- 6. I understand that I am responsible for securing the facility, and the behavior and consequences of all participants in this lease.
- 7. I will not alter any aspect of the facility, introduce any combustible accelerants, utilize open flames or heating elements, introduce any chemicals without first having received explicit approval by the district, nor will I expand use beyond the rooms and materials and services approved herein.
- 8. This application is not transferable



EXAMPLES OF INTERNAL USAGE













General things you must consider before allowing your buildings to be used by outside groups:

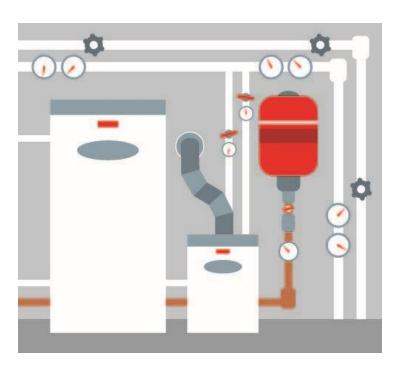
- Are your fire inspections current for the year?
- Are your boiler inspections current?
- Fire alarms systems are inspected and fully functional?
- Defibrillators as required by law are inspected and functional?



Specific areas that require additional attention to name a few:

- Boiler Rooms
- Auditoriums
- Gyms
- Playgrounds
- Ballfields





- Not all boilers require a licensed operator.
- If yours does what is considered an occupied building?
- Who is allowed to operate the boiler?
- What is the plan for having someone there to run the boiler?
- Who pays the operator?

- Does your auditorium have a "fly" space?
- Are those using the building permitted to use any stage equipment?
- . Is anyone from the outside working from ladders?
- Using power tools to design or build scenery?



- Are users instructed as part of the agreement that they must show occupants where the exits are prior to the start of the event? Is a record of the inspection created?
- Is the space inspected prior to the event for any broken seats or other hazards?
- Is there an orchestra pit and is there fall protection around it?



- Are the gym bleachers regularly inspected?
- Are retractable gym divider walls inspected?
- Are those using the facility permitted to raise and lower the baskets? If so have they had instruction on how to do it properly?
- Is there proof of an annual safety inspection of the gym equipment?



- Are all of the exit doors clear of gym equipment storage?
 Remember that some of your visitors could be building/fire officials from another town.
- Are handrails (if available) in place on the bleachers.



Do I normally get an application for use and a COI for the playground? How do you protect the district?

- Do you follow the guidelines in the Public Playground Safety Handbook?
- PTO's love to purchase playground equipment. Are they following the guidelines?

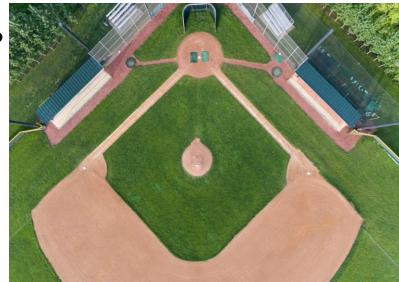


- Is the playground inspected annually by a certified playground inspector?
- Daily inspections for activity from the prior evening?
- Is the surfacing maintained?
- Proper signage in place?



Ballfields are similar to playgrounds. Difference being a facility use form should be in place.

- Who takes responsibility for town use of your fields? COI from the town?
- How often are fields inspected?
- How do you police fields after hours?



- Do you use a computerized maintenance management system for critical inspection recordkeeping?
- Will you be prepared at the deposition to turn over proof of those inspections?
- Let me offer a for instance or two....



Things to ponder..

We have one person come in and fill out the paperwork to use the facility for a dance recital. They bring 200+ people with them from other towns that we don't know that are now in our buildings.



THANK YOU!

- Lawrence Township
- Asbury Park
- Union City
- East Brunswick
- Old Bridge
- Monmouth County Vocational
- Bound Brook
- Matawan Aberdeen
- Closter
- Edison













THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?







KELLY BRAZELTON

MOCSSIF Chairperson Monmouth County Vocational BOE

CLOSING REMARKS



